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RE: Court of Appeals Number: 14-23-00361-CV
 Trial Court Case Number: 2022-00633J

Style: In the Interest of X.E., a child v. Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Your lawyer has filed a brief stating that the record on appeal shows no reversible error in your case, or error upon which an appeal may be based, and your lawyer is unable to raise any arguable grounds for appeal. Your lawyer waived oral argument and also filed a motion to withdraw from any further responsibilities of representing you. The motion filed by your lawyer is also known as an "*Anders* Brief." See *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738, 87 S. Ct. 1396 (1967); *In re D.E.S.*, 135 S.W.3d 326, 329 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 2004, no pet.).

This letter serves as notice that you may file a Response to your lawyer's *Anders* Brief on or before **Monday, August 7, 2023**. Because this is a termination case, the Court is required to bring this appeal to final disposition within 180 days of the date the notice of appeal was filed so far as reasonably possible. See Tex. R. Jud. Admin. 6.2, *reprinted in* TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN., tit. 2, subtit. F app. (West Supp. 2012). For this reason, no extensions of time to file a Response will be granted absent extraordinary circumstances. See TEX. R. APP. P. 38.6(d). If you choose to ask for more time to file a Response, then you must file your motion for an extension of time to file a Response on or before **Monday, August 7, 2023**. Appellee's brief is due on or before **Monday, August 28, 2023**.

You are entitled to a copy of the record on appeal in your case. If you would like a copy of the record, you must complete the attached motion form and return it to the Fourteenth Court of Appeals, 301 Fannin Street, Suite 245, Houston, TX 77002.

If you file a Response to the *Anders* Brief, it should state what arguable grounds you believe a lawyer appointed to represent you should include in an appellate brief. See *Bledsoe v. State*, 178 S.W.3d 824, 826-27 (Tex. Crim. App. 2005).

NOTICE TO COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL

Upon receipt of a request for a copy of the appellate record, this court directs that Appellant's court-appointed counsel shall (1) make arrangements, within five days from the date of receiving Appellant's request, to forward a copy of the appellate record to Appellant and (2) confirm that Appellant has received the record and **notify this court in writing that counsel has confirmed that appellant has received a copy of the record**. Court-appointed counsel may discharge the responsibility for preparing and delivering the record to the Appellant by making arrangements with the district or county clerk, however **it is still counsel's responsibility to confirm delivery and to provide confirmatory notice to this court**. See *Escobar v. State*, 134 S.W.3d 338, 339-40 (Tex. App.—Amarillo 2003) (order); *Pitchford v. State*, No. 07-05-0254-CR, 2006 WL 1587153 (Tex. App.—Amarillo June 9, 2006) (order) (not designated for publication).

Sincerely,
/s/ Christle Herrera
Deputy Clerk



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Pro se Motion for Access to Appellate Record

To the Honorable Justices of Said Court:

Appellant’s appointed counsel has filed a brief in the above styled and numbered cause pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967).

Appellant now moves this Court to provide him with a copy of the appellate record including the clerk’s record and the court reporter’s record for use in preparing his pro se response to counsel’s brief.

Appellant requests an extension of time of 30 days from the granting of this motion to file a pro se response to counsel’s *Anders* brief.

Respectfully submitted,

Pro se Appellant
_____, Unit, TDCJ # _____
_____, Texas _____

Certificate of Service

This is to certify that on _____ (Date), a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was served by mail on:

Harris County District Attorney’s Office, 1201 Franklin, Suite 600, Houston, TX 77002

Pro se Appellant